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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 618
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the Tennessee Highway Patrol upon hosting the 13th Annual National D.A.R.E. Officers' Association Conference.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable organizations that have dedicated their efforts to improving both their respective local communities and the greater global community; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.) is one such worthy organization deserving of the recognition of this body; their 13th Annual National Conference will be hosted by the Tennessee Highway Patrol from July 5-8, 2000; and

WHEREAS, established in Los Angeles, D.A.R.E. teaches students from kindergarten through high school to abstain from drugs and violence, and helps young people establish positive relationships with teachers, parents and law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, D.A.R.E. lessons provide accurate information about alcohol and drugs, and help students to make sound decisions and to resist the power of peer pressure; and

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WHEREAS, this organization assists in developing self-esteem among young people; parent training programs and educational videos and pamphlets for community groups seek to instill D.A.R.E.'s goals in all citizens; and

WHEREAS, D.A.R.E. in Tennessee strives to uphold the mission and further objectives of this acclaimed and respected program; there are over 550 trained D.A.R.E. officers in Tennessee, over 100 school districts participate in the program, and well over 55,000 students are affected annually by D.A.R.E. in this great state; and

WHEREAS, the D.A.R.E. program offers hope for freeing Tennessee's and all of America's communities from the tragedy of substance abuse and the crime and violence drug addiction spawns; D.A.R.E., and the Tennessee Highway Patrol, are clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the Tennessee Highway Patrol for upholding the laudable goals of the D.A.R.E. program and for hosting the 13th Annual National D.A.R.E. Officers' Association Conference. We extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.